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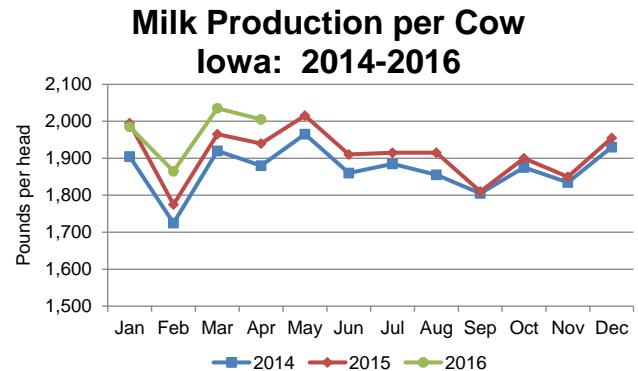
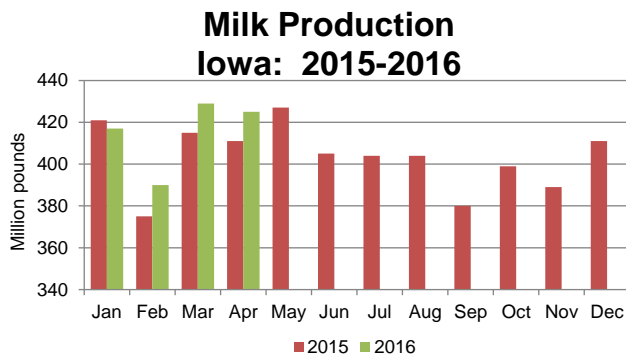
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Milk production in Iowa during April 2016 totaled 425 million pounds, up 3 percent from the previous April according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during April, at 212,000 head, was 1,000 more than last month but unchanged from a year ago. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds, up 65 pounds from last April.



Milk Cows and Production – Selected States: April 2015 and 2016

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	Change from 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)	(percent)
Arizona	195	198	2,200	2,190	429	434	1.2
California	1,779	1,773	2,025	1,965	3,602	3,484	-3.3
Colorado	145	149	2,170	2,155	315	321	1.9
Florida	125	124	1,895	1,855	237	230	-3.0
Idaho	585	591	2,005	2,025	1,173	1,197	2.0
Illinois	95	94	1,760	1,790	167	168	0.6
Indiana	181	184	1,875	1,900	339	350	3.2
Iowa	212	212	1,940	2,005	411	425	3.4
Kansas	144	144	1,945	1,940	280	279	-0.4
Michigan	404	417	2,100	2,165	848	903	6.5
Minnesota	460	460	1,720	1,765	791	812	2.7
New Mexico	323	311	2,105	2,110	680	656	-3.5
New York	617	620	1,875	1,965	1,157	1,218	5.3
Ohio	268	266	1,730	1,745	464	464	0.0
Oregon	125	126	1,735	1,745	217	220	1.4
Pennsylvania	530	530	1,745	1,755	925	930	0.5
South Dakota	103	114	1,840	1,840	190	210	10.5
Texas	462	463	1,940	1,965	896	910	1.6
Utah	96	95	1,950	1,945	187	185	-1.1
Vermont	131	131	1,695	1,740	222	228	2.7
Virginia	92	90	1,680	1,665	155	150	-3.2
Washington	277	277	2,020	2,030	560	562	0.4
Wisconsin	1,278	1,279	1,875	1,960	2,396	2,507	4.6
23-State Total	8,627	8,648	1,929	1,948	16,641	16,843	1.2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from April 2015. March revised production, at 17.2 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from March 2015. The March revision represented an increase of 7 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,948 pounds for April, 19 pounds above April 2015. This is the highest production per cow for the month of April since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.65 million head, 21,000 head more than April 2015, and 4,000 head more than March 2016.

Milk production in the United States during April totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from April 2015.

Production per cow in the United States averaged 1,929 pounds for April, 20 pounds above April 2015.

The number of milk cows on farms in the United States was 9.33 million head, 15,000 head more than April 2015, and 4,000 head more than March 2016.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States

